



Repair Project for the Paved Bicycle Trail System in Yosemite Valley

The National Park Service will begin rehabilitating multi-use paved trails in Yosemite Valley on September 26, 2005. This project will help make bicycle riding experiences more enjoyable and safe for visitors, residents, and employees.

Each year, thousands of people ride bicycles along the circuitous route, which offers stunning views throughout the east end of Yosemite Valley. Countless people bring their own personal bicycles, while many others rent bicycles as a unique recreational experience and way of getting around the Valley to access hiking trails, facilities, and campgrounds. Currently, the trails are deteriorating to the point of being unsafe.



Why is this project needed and what does it entail?

This trail system provides access by foot and bicycle to Yosemite Valley's most popular attractions and facilities. Resurfacing and regrading of the Yosemite Valley paved trails will immediately alleviate the main cause of trip and fall accidents in Yosemite. This paved trail system is deteriorating to the point at which much of the original investment is being lost. The longer that rehabilitation is deferred, the more extensive and expensive eventual rehabilitation will be. Each year, due to its heavy use and exposure to seasonal elements, it requires frequent patching and repair. Due to the poor condition of these trails, users are often encouraged to leave the established trail corridor, causing extensive trampling to adjacent areas.

When will this project take place ?

Beginning Monday, September 26, 2005, crews will begin making repairs (crack filling, pothole repairs, etc.) at various locations along the existing bicycle path. The entire bicycle path is twelve miles in length, but the majority of work will be along the eastern portion of it, totalling seven miles. This project will require intermittent closures and delays to various trail segments during repair work. The bicycle paths will be open on weekends and holidays during this project, unless there are safety concerns requiring a closure. **Weather permitting, this work is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2005.**

How can I stay involved?

This and other Yosemite National Park improvement projects will be periodically updated on the park's planning web site. Visit www.nps.gov/yose/planning.

Fun Bicycle Fact

During the 2004 rental season, 36,852 bicycles were rented in Yosemite Valley.